



# Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc.



## Proposed House Bill No. SB-292

### AN ACT CONCERNING HEATING EFFICIENCY IN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR ALTERATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

March 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Housing Co-Chairs Williams and Lopes, and Honorable Members of this Committee.

My name is Allie French and I am the Executive Director of the Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, a trade organization comprised of Merit Shop Electrical Contractors licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection and includes industry related Associate Members. We are an approved provider of apprenticeship training and continued education each approved by the Department of Labor and the Department of Consumer Protection respectively.

On behalf of the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), its contractor members, associates and clients, we are submitting this testimony in **“OPPOSITION”** of SB-292, An Act Concerning Heating Efficiency in New Residential Construction and Major Alterations of Residential Buildings.

The requirements in section 1(c) of this proposed bill would require all equipment to be of a Heat Pump based style system which would limit the installations to only HVAC contractors and would eliminate a substantial amount of work performed by Electrical Contractors. Heat pump systems have their limitations in the very cold temperatures. Families should NOT be forced to spend their hard earned dollars on a system change during major alterations. Have the short and long term impacts been considered or discussed, or the impacts on shutting down our energy pipelines?

I thank you for your time in reading and taking into consideration our position on SB-292 An Act Concerning Heating Efficiency in New Residential Construction and Major Alterations of Residential Buildings and respectfully request that you **“OPPOSE”** SB-292.